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Customer No. 22,852  
Attorney Docket No. 08049.0009  
**EXPRESS MAIL LABEL NO.: EV 326694634 US**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
Bruce A. BRANDT et al. ) Group Art Unit: 3653  
Application No.: 09/652,275 ) Examiner: D. Schlak  
Filed: August 31, 2000 )  
For: APPARATUS AND METHODS )  
FOR PROCESSING MAILPIECE )  
INFORMATION IN A MAIL )  
PROCESSING DEVICE USING )  
SORTER APPLICATION )  
SOFTWARE )

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

**RESPONSE**

In response to the Office Action dated January 28, 2003, the period for response being extended for three months to May 28, 2003, by the concurrent filing of a Petition for Extension of Time and payment of the requisite fee, please reexamine and reconsider the application in view of the appended remarks.

**REMARKS**

In the Office Action dated January 28, 2003, the Examiner has required an election of a single disclosed species from two species alleged to be patentably distinct. The Examiner stated that there are no current generic claims and that a single disclosed